

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 15th September 2024

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Sentence - Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it. Mark 8: 35

Collect - God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit	634 Will you come and follow me?
Gradual	311 We plough the fields, and scatter
Offertory	626 Light of the minds that know him
Closing	437 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 15th September

First Reading - Proverbs 1: 20-33

Epistle - James 3: 1-12

Gospel - Mark 8: 27-38

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease without dread of disaster."

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be

tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

We remember in our prayers - Patrick, Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road, Otakau Road, Penning Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 17th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 18th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 19th	10am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 22nd	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 22nd September

First Reading - Proverbs 31: 10-31

Epistle - James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Gospel - Mark 9: 30-37

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Patrick and Liz Powell

Parish fund raising dinner -

You are all invited to attend a catered Parish fundraising dinner on Saturday 5th October 2024 at 6.30pm. There is now a sheet to sign at the back of the church. When pre-paying on line please use "dinner" and your name. Close off date will be Tuesday 1st of October.